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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the City of Monterey, I would like to express concern about the impact proposed rulemaking (DN 14-261) will have on our ability to offer Public, Educational and Government (PEG) Access services in our community. We are concerned about the rulemaking's proposal to classify over-the-top (OTT) video services provided by cable franchise holders as something other than a "cable service," which would allow cable franchise holders to undercut their public interest obligations.

Our PEG provider, Access Monterey Peninsula (AMP), provides live broadcasts of Monterey City Council and Planning Commission meetings. These broadcasts allow our citizens to stay informed about issues and decisions being considered by their local government. This important public service is made possible by the PEG fees provided by our cable operators. Without these fees and the PEG provider (AMP) that they support, the City would be unable to find an alternative source of revenue and provider of this service.

We ask the Commission to retain vital PEG public interest requirements as it considers the proposed rulemaking.

Sincerely,

Clyde Roberson
Mayor

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